

Bill for relief of John P. Gill. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Bill giving privileges to use salines, salt springs, &c.

Bill to repeal certain estray laws in certain counties and to revive certain estray laws in other counties. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Joint resolution relative to the two guns known as "Twin Sisters." Referred to Military Committee. Bill prescribing the duties of clerks of county courts in certain cases, to Judiciary Committee. Bill to authorize the superintendent to receive Minerva J. Fannin into the lunatic asylum. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Bill to make valid all acts and contracts of the corporate authorities or supposed corporate authorities of the town of San Felipe since 1st of August, 1859. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to reincorporate San Felipe de Austin. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill for relief of heirs of Allen Fox. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Bill for relief of heirs of Samuel W. Howland. Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Accounts, reported a bill making an appropriation to pay the commissioners to the friendly Indians and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Parsons the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, December 13, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Scarborough, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to amend the 4th and repeal the 6th sections of an Act to regulate the public printing and recommended its passage.

Mr. Boyd, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, reported a bill to exempt the class of persons therein named from work on roads and highways and recommended its passage.

Also a bill to incorporate the Pulaski Bridge Company.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of William McManus and recommended that it do not pass.

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to provide for special terms of the district courts for persons charged with high crimes. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to regulate procedure of district judges in cases of **habeas corpus**. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

And a bill to regulate procedure of district courts as to injunctions, which was also referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Casey introduced the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested, if not compatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate a copy of any order or orders he may have recently received from General Hebert for arms belonging to the State that are or may have been on deposit at the Capitol."

Mr. Harcourt offered the following amendment: "and that he shall also communicate to the Senate any order he may have issued to General Hebert." Accepted and resolution adopted.¹³

A bill to locate the county site of El Paso County. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

Joint resolution to increase the pay of privates in the Confederate Army. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill for the relief of Nelson Tarver. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

A bill allowing J. P. and F. W. Dent to adopt a female child. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to select committee of three consisting of Messrs. Weatherford, Boyd, and Dickson.

A bill authorizing the several county courts to collect a special tax for war purposes. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill for the relief of Eli Kirk. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill supplemental to an Act to regulate estrays. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to special committee of Messrs. Houston, Erath, Guinn, Weatherford, and Jordan.

A bill for the pay of state troops under Colonel John

¹³ See Appendix I, message of Governor F. R. Lubbock to the Senate, December 13, 1861.

S. Ford. Read 2nd time, substitute of committee laid on table on Mr. Casey's motion. Mr. Casey then offered the following amendment: strike out the letter "s" in the word "years," also "1860." Add after the word "Ford" these words: "that served on the lower Rio Grande and were mustered out of service by Charles Lovenskiold." Adopted.

Bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the protection of the wool-growing interests of Texas. Read 2nd time. Substitute of committee adopted. Mr. Darden moved to recommit the bill. Lost. Mr. Darden then offered the following amendment: after the word "lease" insert "so as to come in contact with the sheep of other persons or range so as to communicate the disease to other sheep."

On Mr. Erath's motion the amendment was laid on table. Mr. Boyd offered the following amendment: "All fines collected under the provisions of this Act shall be paid into the county treasury and be used for county purposes." Adopted. Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor the following bills:

Bill to amend the 12th section of an Act to incorporate the town of Mt. Vernon in Titus County.

Bill for relief of Honorable A. W. O. Hicks.

A bill to amend the 1st section of an Act prescribing the order of determining cases in the Supreme Court being in order, Mr. Parsons' substitute was laid on the table on Mr. Harcourt's motion. The bill was then passed to a 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read, read 3rd time, and passed.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to reduce the State expenses. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill for relief of Nat M. Burford. Read 2nd time, substitute of Committee adopted.

A message from the House announcing that the House had agreed to Senate amendments to a bill for the protection of the frontier, except the one to 8th section, and upon that they appointed Messrs. Russel, Chalmers, and Townes, a Committee on Conference.

On motion of Mr. Shepard the Senate adjourned until 25 minutes after 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.